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4. [] Met briefly with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, yesterday. He mentioned the Senate conferees are ready to meet with the House on the Military Procurement bill, but there was some indication that the House did not want to move too quickly. Braswell said he would like to get from us in the next few days our position on the Symington amendment including any suggestions we might have for language changes if the amendment remains in the bill. He said he would also like to have figures which would include all costs for Agency programs in Laos [] (but excluding the cost incurred in the United States) so that he would be prepared to offer total figures if the conferees agree that all costs other than the bombing of the trails are to be included. He said he is also going to the State Department to get figures from them on the cost of operations at the U. S. embassy in Laos. [] FE Division, is preparing this material.

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Braswell told me that Senator Symington had expressed to him concern over the lack of information in the Beecher article in the New York Times yesterday and had asked him to check on the accuracy of the information in the article. I told Braswell the information in the article is generally accurate.

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5. [] Obtained from Mr. James Woolsey, General Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, a copy of the estimated costs of U.S. programs in Laos for fiscal year 1972. This estimate was prepared by Woolsey on information provided him by the Department of Defense. Copies are being sent to Messrs. Warner, John Clarke, and [] Woolsey underscored Braswell's request for background information which could help them to prepare for discussions on the Symington amendment to the Military Procurement bill when it is taken up in conference. Woolsey and Jack Ticer, of the Committee staff, said Senator Symington had asked Braswell for figures on the budgets of the CIA, DIA, and NSA but these staffers made no request for this information from us at this time.

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25X1 7. [REDACTED] In the absence of Senator Barry Goldwater, I left word with his secretary that we hoped he could address our Senior Seminar on 28 October. She said the Senator was out of town but she would check with his appointment secretary tomorrow and let us know the outlook.

25X1 8. [REDACTED] Met with Mr. Arthur Kuhl, Chief Clerk, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who told me that the confirmation hearing on the nomination of Howard Mace as ambassador to Sierra Leone is somewhat up in the air. Senator Fulbright's (D., Ark.) and Senator Bayh's (D., Ind.) opposition to Mr. Mace will delay hearings but probably will not defeat the nomination in Committee. In any event, no date has been set as yet for the confirmation hearings. Mr. [REDACTED] Africa Division, has been advised.

25X1 9. [REDACTED] Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, and discussed the Military Procurement bill briefly with him. In essence, he indicated that the Chairman has not requested an appointment of House conferees and in consequence the Committee has not started to prepare for the conference meetings with the Senate. I also outlined for Mr. Slatinshek the OTR program scheduled for Thursday, 28 October, and told him that we were considering asking Representative Nedzi (D., Mich.), or if he is not available, Representative Minshall (R., Ohio), to address the group. Mr. Slatinshek thought that these are excellent choices.

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